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**NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION**

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room TW A-325  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Citizens Communications Company, *et al.* – Requests For Part 36 Study  
Area Waivers  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

Citizens Communications Company hereby advises that, on August 9, 2000, three of its representatives met with Katherine L. Schroder, Deputy Chief, Accounting Policy Division, and Gary Siegel, Robert Loeb and two other representatives of Ms. Schroder's staff. The Citizens Communications employees at that meeting were the undersigned, Wayne Lafferty and Michael Shultz.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Part 36 study area waiver filings related to Citizens Communications Company's acquisitions of exchange areas from Qwest and GTE. The materials attached to this letter [paper filing only] were circulated at the meeting to illustrate where these acquisitions are occurring, the number of lines and exchanges involved and, most particularly, the contemplated closing schedules for those exchanges. Citizens Communications explained that the contemplated closing schedules are critical in terms of planning, employee deployment and information technology deployment. In the course of the meeting the Citizens Communications' representatives solicited the advice of Ms. Schroder and her staff on ways to expedite processing and disposition of the Part 36 study area waiver filings. That advice will be forthcoming in the near future.

In addition, Citizens proposed submitting draft orders granting several of its pending study area requests. A copy of two draft orders is included with the electronic version of this ex parte notice.

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Please note that the address and telephone numbers on my letterhead are no longer correct. The new information is as follows:

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Yours very truly,

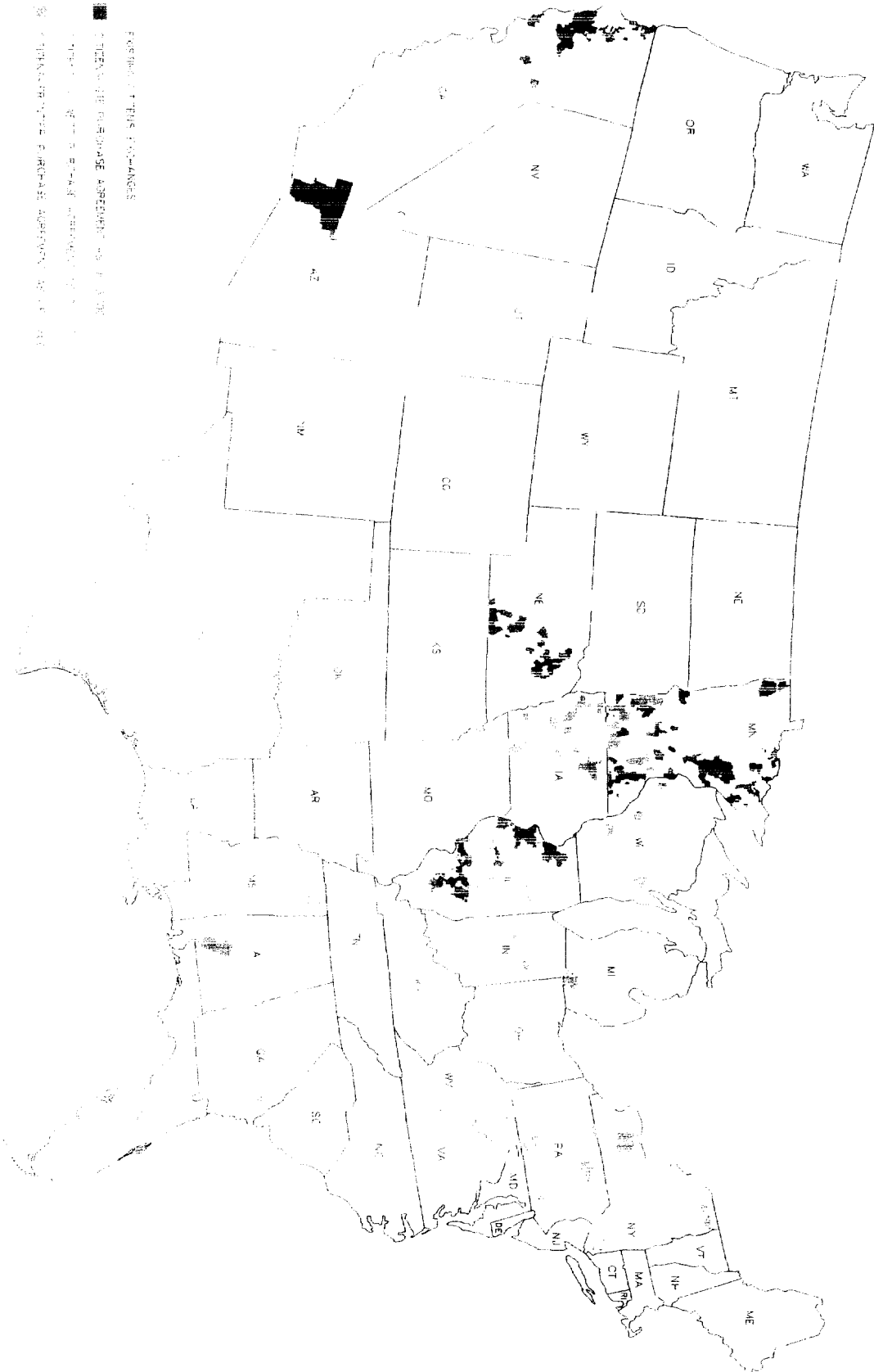
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Richard M. Tettelbaum

cc (w/o encl.)  
Wayne Lafferty  
Michael Shultz



# CITIZENS SERVICE AREAS





## CITIZENS ACCESS LINES

<u>St</u>	<u>Study Area</u>	<u>Exchanges</u>	1999		
			<u>Access Lines</u>		
			<u>Total</u>	<u>Res.</u>	<u>Bus.</u>
<b>Arizona</b>		71	297,746	222,996	74,750
	CTC of Arizona - Mohave	13	95,186	72,656	22,530
	CTC of Arizona - White Mountains	14	39,662	29,795	9,867
	CTC of Arizona - Parker	6	8,620	6,240	2,380
	CTC of Arizona - Tombstone	38	154,278	114,305	39,973
<b>California</b>		78	191,339	144,207	47,132
	CTC of California - Shasta	34	117,196	88,602	28,594
	CTC of California - Desert	26	39,086	29,818	9,268
	CTC of the Golden State - West Coast	6	13,309	9,706	3,603
	CTC of the Golden State - Colusa	9	15,598	10,633	4,965
	CTC of the Golden State - Tuolumne	3	6,150	5,448	702
<b>Colorado</b>		17	44,998	32,187	12,811
	CTC of Colorado	17	44,998	32,187	12,811
<b>Idaho</b>		26	64,519	48,053	16,466
	CTC of Idaho - McCall	18	21,390	16,856	4,534
	CTC of Idaho - Nez Perce	8	43,129	31,197	11,932
<b>Illinois</b>		110	106,850	85,934	20,916
	CTC of Illinois - Delta	27	37,963	29,546	8,417
	CTC of Illinois - Fulton	3	7,086	5,415	1,671
	CTC of Illinois - River West	80	61,801	50,973	10,828
<b>Iowa</b>		32	51,039	38,336	12,703
	CTC of Iowa	32	51,039	38,336	12,703
<b>Minnesota</b>		167	322,608	246,333	76,275
	CTC of Minnesota - Four Falls	43	189,324	136,700	52,624
	CTC of Minnesota - Lakes	118	130,033	106,939	23,094
	CTC of Minnesota - South	6	3,251	2,694	557

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<b>Montana</b>		13	20,337	14,664	5,673
	CTC of Montana - Rocky Mountians	3	8,806	6,745	2,061
	CTC of Montana - Parks	10	11,531	7,919	3,612
<b>Navajo</b>		39	24,464	12,550	11,914
	Arizona	24	17,841	8,548	9,293
	New Mexico	12	6,207	3,812	2,395
	Utah	3	416	190	226
<b>Nebraska</b>		52	73,286	50,796	22,490
	CTC of Nebraska - East	14	14,563	11,211	3,352
	CTC of Nebraska - Ft. Kearney	38	58,723	39,585	19,138
<b>Nevada</b>		11	28,163	18,467	9,696
	CTC of Nevada - North	7	25,411	16,714	8,697
	CTC of Nevada - South	4	2,752	1,753	999
<b>New York</b>		131	332,608	261,527	71,081
	CTC of New York - Upstate	107	264,949	207,249	57,700
	CTC of New York - Red Hook	5	16,944	12,170	4,774
	CTC of New York - Western Counties	16	27,763	23,271	4,492
	CTC of New York - Ogden	3	22,952	18,837	4,115
<b>North Dakota</b>		8	16,558	11,493	5,065
	CTC of North Dakota	8	16,558	11,493	5,065
<b>Oregon</b>		9	15,194	12,023	3,171
	CTC of Oregon	9	15,194	12,023	3,171



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<b>Tennessee</b>		19	100,955	76,000	24,955
	CTC of Tennessee	14	78,259	56,463	21,796
	CTC of the Volunteer State	5	22,696	19,537	3,159
<b>Utah</b>		23	22,886	15,954	6,932
	CTC of Utah	23	22,886	15,954	6,932
<b>West Virginia</b>		78	146,630	117,783	28,847
	CTC of West Virginia - Rural	28	34,857	30,260	4,597
	CTC of West Virginia - Urban	29	87,416	66,397	21,019
	CTC of West Virginia - Mountain State	21	24,357	21,126	3,231
<b>Wisconsin</b>		9	26,243	18,268	7,975
	CTC of Wisconsin - Crandon	2	3,915	2,704	1,211
	CTC of Wisconsin - Headwaters	4	5,459	4,930	529
	CTC of Wisconsin - Rhinelander	2	15,510	9,496	6,014
	CTC of Wisconsin - Rib Lake	1	1,359	1,138	221
<b>Wyoming</b>		5	6,399	2,777	3,622
	CTC of Wyoming	5	6,399	2,777	3,622
<b>Total Citizens Communications</b>		<b>898</b>	<b>1,892,822</b>	<b>1,430,348</b>	<b>462,474</b>
<b>Citizens Core</b>		<b>413</b>	<b>1,001,131</b>	<b>763,307</b>	<b>237,824</b>
<b>Verizon Acquired lines</b>		<b>310</b>	<b>359,872</b>	<b>280,916</b>	<b>78,956</b>
<b>Qwest Acquired lines</b>		<b>175</b>	<b>531,819</b>	<b>386,125</b>	<b>145,694</b>



## FRONTIER ACCESS LINES

<u>St</u>	<u>Study Area</u>	<u>Exchanges</u>	1999		
			<u>Access Lines</u>		
			<u>Total</u>	<u>Res.</u>	<u>Bus.</u>
<b>Alabama</b>		19	27,346	21,936	5,410
	Frontier - Lamar County	2	2,439	2,111	328
	Frontier - Alabama	10	13,472	10,750	2,722
	Frontier - South	7	11,435	9,075	2,360
<b>Florida</b>		3	4,599	4,219	380
	Frontier - South	3	4,599	4,219	380
<b>Georgia</b>		4	27,337	15,175	12,162
	Frontier - Fairmount	2	2,636	2,330	306
	Frontier - Georgia	2	24,701	12,845	11,856
<b>Illinois</b>		28	20,040	16,343	3,697
	Frontier - Depue	1	825	733	92
	Frontier - Lakeside	2	908	749	159
	Frontier - Illinois	7	5,224	4,186	1,038
	Frontier - Midland	11	4,754	4,203	551
	Frontier - Mt. Pulaski	3	2,074	1,603	471
	Frontier - Orion	1	2,054	1,647	407
	Frontier - Prarie	2	1,109	918	191
	Frontier - Schuyler	1	3,092	2,304	788
<b>Indiana</b>		1	2,799	2,364	435
	Frontier - Indiana	1	2,799	2,364	435
	Frontier - Thorntown	2	2,901	2,419	482
<b>Iowa</b>		37	60,033	42,584	17,449
	Frontier - Iowa	37	60,033	42,584	17,449
<b>Michigan</b>		14	26,639	22,110	4,529
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<b>Minnesota</b>		46	228,003	99,357	128,646
	Frontier - Minnesota	46	228,003	99,357	128,646
<b>Mississippi</b>		4	6,442	5,721	721
	Frontier - Mississippi	4	6,442	5,721	721
<b>New York</b>		67	691,054	453,417	237,637
	Frontier - Rochester	47	576,580	368,509	208,071
	Frontier - Ausable Valley	4	6,647	5,258	1,389
	Frontier - New York	10	76,835	54,412	22,423
	Frontier - Seneca Gorham	4	10,070	8,277	1,793
	Frontier - Sylvan Lake	2	20,922	16,961	3,961
<b>Ohio</b>		1	702	583	119
	Frontier - Ohio	1	702	583	119
<b>Pennsylvania</b>		14	42,990	28,702	14,288
	Frontier - Breezewood	4	4,448	3,590	858
	Frontier - Canton	2	4,291	3,611	680
	Frontier - Lakewood	1	1,664	1,364	300
	Frontier - Pennsylvania	4	30,247	18,115	12,132
	Frontier - Oswayo River	3	2,340	2,022	318
<b>Wisconsin</b>		12	40,390	28,668	11,722
	Frontier - Mondovi	1	2,681	2,090	591
	Frontier - St. Croix	2	9,864	6,678	3,186
	Frontier - Wisconsin	9	27,845	19,900	7,945
	Frontier - Viroqua	1	4,241	2,846	1,395
<b>Total Frontier Communications</b>		<b>190</b>	<b>1,039,520</b>	<b>640,369</b>	<b>399,151</b>



## Acquisition Procedural Calendar (Qwest & Verizon)

State	Estimated Filing Date	Estimated State Approval (1)	FCC Study		Scheduled Closing
			Area Waiver Filed	Estimated FCC Approval (1)	
Qwest (US West)					
Arizona	12/22/99	10/25/00	-	2/28/01	3/31/01
Colorado	03/08/00	B-07/07/00	08/07/00	11/30/00	1/31/01
Idaho	10/07/99	A-06/01/00	NR	NR (5)	1/31/01
Iowa	11/09/99	A-05/05/00	06/16/00	9/30/00	10/20/00
Minnesota	03/31/00	06/30/01	-	8/31/01	9/30/01
Montana	01/21/00	10/31/00	-	2/28/01	3/31/01
Nebraska	09/21/99	A-05/10/00	06/16/00	9/30/00	10/20/00
North Dakota	09/14/99	A-01/26/00	02/16/00	A-7/12/00	10/20/00
South Dakota (2)	6/01/00	08/31/00	N/R	N/R	10/20/00
Washington	10/19/99	A-06/28/00	07/11/00	10/31/00 (5)	1/31/01
Wyoming	11/30/99	B-06/27/00	-	12/31/00	3/31/01
Verizon (GTE)					
Arizona	08/24/99	A-06/13/00	N/R	N/R	11/30/00
California WC	09/02/99	09/30/00	N/R	N/R (6)	11/30/00
California GTE	09/02/99	09/30/00	-	11/30/00	11/30/00
Minnesota	08/26/99	07/24/00	N/R	N/R	8/26/00
Nebraska	10/27/99	A-4/11/00	N/R	N/R	6/30/00
Illinois	02/25/00	08/30/00	-	10/31/00 (3)	11/30/00
Wisconsin		08/31/00	(7)	10/31/00	11/30/00

Note:

"A" indicates State Approval with final written order.

"B" indicates Bench order with final written order to follow usually within 2 to 3 weeks.

1) There may be some slight adjustment to dates as we approach the final approval dates.

These changes will be caused by actions of the various regulatory bodies.

2) Due to several cross boundary issues involving MN (GTE & USW) and NE (USW),

SD has required Citizens to file for a CPCN.

3) Assumes non objection letter will allow filing of FCC study area waiver by 7/31/00.

4) AZ (GTE) closing is tied to the GTE-CA property operationally.

5) The WA property is tied operationally to ID. The WA portion requires a study area waiver.

6) The CPUC consolidated the applications for the two GTE CA properties.

However, since only the GTE-CA property requires FCC approval, the closing dates do not have to be the same.

7) The WI property is tied operationally to IL. The WI portion is part of the CTC-IL requires a study area waiver.